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UTAH AS A DOUBTFUL STATE.

The Standard rather delights in the fact that Utah is considered a doubtful state. For years this state has been classed as one-sided, so much so that not one of the parties gave us any recognition. Now things are changed, and, as a result, many of the big guns of the campaign are being sent to this neck-o'-the-woods.

There is Hughes and Fairbanks and Harding and Borah for the Republicans, and others too numerous to mention, and Bryan and Saulsbury and Shafroth and Towne for the Democrats.

We have had the Woman's Party, Hughes Alliance and the millionaire train; we have had spellbinders, canvassers, special pleaders and personal persuaders. Everything that goes with a campaign in closely contested

district is being accorded Utah, and our people are pleased with the flamboyancy and the pyrotechnics of the political forces.

Being pocketed and conveyed into one camp or the other before the votes are counted means being ignored, but to sit on the fence invites attention. Both parties are smiling sweetly on Utah and Utah coquetishly is looking shyly first at one and then at the other, and all the time Utah is enjoying the situation.

GOMPERS MAKES HIS APPEAL.

For the first time in its history, the American Federation of Labor, through Samuel Gompers, has issued an appeal to the union men to vote for the candidate of one of the great political parties for president.

On Saturday Mr. Gompers, as president of the Federation, gave publicity to a review of the political situation, in which, expressing the fear that Wall street and its satellites would be placed in power, if Hughes defeats Wilson, he urges labor organi-

zations everywhere to support Wilson.

It is generally recognized that neither Mr. Gompers nor any other man can swing the union labor vote to any one candidate, but, in order to do what he has, Mr. Gompers must feel that an overwhelming percentage of his organizations are in sympathy with his move.

The Socialists will have most cause to complain, as the union labor vote heretofore, has been strongly Socialist, and the Socialists for years have been hoping to grow sufficiently important in politics to force some of their doctrines on the legislative body of the nation. Should the appeal of Gompers be effective, the Socialists vote would be cut down, instead of increased.

THIS COUNTRY IS NOT AFRAID.

We cannot understand the spellbinders who go about telling how this country has nothing to fear in a conflict with any other country in the world, and then hold up their hands in an attitude of utter helplessness when they begin to speak of foreign competition.

Why, bless you, commerce calls for as much courage as diplomacy and any country which, having all the natural resources, equipment, money, brains and general efficiency possessed by the United States, takes on the position of a whipped cur with its tail between its legs before even the crack of the lash has been heard, is not only cowardly but cravenly weak.

But the people of this nation are not afraid—neither afraid of Europe's guns nor Europe's commercialism, because the American people have gone out, in the past ten years, and undersold the world in nearly everything in which American efficiency has been put to the test, and the records of our export trade prove this to be true.

JAPAN CLOSING THE DOOR OF CHINA.

There are statesmen who regard the late developments in Asiatic politics as holding a menace for the future peace of the United States, and one of them makes this comment:

"Simultaneous protests have come from Russia and Japan, which are working in harmony at present, against agreements between China and American contractors under which railroad and canal construction was to be done in the Orient. They follow swiftly upon the heels of the announcement of policy of the new premier of Japan, published and discussed in The Union last week. They seem to point to a speedy test of the 'open door' agreement under which most of the powers have shared a fair field in China's development, conditioned only upon enterprise and business acumen. They constitute a menace which the Washington government is called upon to face.

"An alleged oral promise, said to have been made 18 years ago, that Russia should have the privilege of railroad building in the vicinity of Mongolia, is the ground of Russia's objection to the fulfillment of a contract with Americans. Japan bases her protest upon her assumed right to all the privileges enjoyed by Germany in the territory in which the latter has been conquered by the Japanese. To Americans, whose ideas concerning the inviolability of contracts are fixed, these alleged reasons for preventing the fulfillment of agreements will not appear even specious. They will appear as nothing more than excuses. As was recalled in these columns only a few days ago, by the Root-Takahira agreement, one of four between Japan and other nations, Japan and the United States bind themselves to support by all possible means at their disposal the principle of equal opportunity for the commerce and industry of all nations in China. That agreement was made eight years ago. Now, just as a militarist has been elevated to the premiership of Japan, the door of opportunity is slammed in the face of Americans who already have entered into contract to do certain work for China. It is difficult to see how the effect can be anything but that of bringing the 'open door' issue to a critical stage and forcing upon the Washington government a decision as to the policy to be pursued in the Far East."

BOOKS ARE GIVEN TO GOWN BUYERS

The Plan of a Manufacturer of Dresses for Schoolgirls and Young Women.

A book with every gown is the latest method of combined shopping for the schoolgirl and is the idea of a manufacturer. A healthy, wholesome girl in a schoolgirl story gave him the suggestion and now there are any number of girls who are "doing the best."

The idea of the gownmaker was to manufacture frocks for the schoolgirl and young woman which would suit her type—be simple, pretty and becoming for every-day wear, for a little better afternoon wear, and for evening gowns. Nothing should be too elaborate, the evening gowns should be modestly cut and the prices of all be equally modest. He named the gowns after the heroine of the book, has one house in every town carrying the stock, which takes up the sale of the schoolgirls' dress, and on every gown sold is a certificate showing that the gown is what it claims to be. The buyer by sending in the certificate can have free any one copy of the books which appear in a series.

The idea has pleased the girls so much that in some towns they have formed themselves into clubs of a half dozen or so members who each buy a gown, each one takes a different book and among them they have the series. There is something else they may have if they wish to send 15 cents for it, and this is the little household god of luck originated by the girl in the story and which the manufacturer of the frocks he names for her has materialized and which is carefully packed for mailing.

The gowns are used not only by school and college girls, but by business women who like their simplicity and style and the ease of getting into them, as they are all in one piece. They are made up to suit in size, and wearers are not reduced to an age limit. There are now 15 different styles in the school or business frocks, and as many each in those for social wear and for afternoon.

The school dresses are of serge and come in navy blue, black, dark Belgian, and dark brown. They are all cut at the neck and have straight lines with occasional flared peplums. Many are box plaited from the waist or the shoulders. Some have the coed or middy blouse effects, with a little tie. Nearly all have white detachable collars, over collars of the material, and they may have colored ties or four-in-hands. Many buttons are used in the trimming. There is a variety in pockets; some being the regular patch ones, while others are in fancy design, and there are a few slit pockets.

The social frocks are of taffetas, soft mulls, Georges, and silk over metal cloths, for that cloth, or its imitation, appears in everything this year. The frocks are in all soft shades and evening colors, Nile green, turquoise, function blue, which is of a deeper shade, maize and pink. With these are the brighter shades, cherry, flame, and a deep orange. There is no age limit in colors. Kelly green, which is a rich, vivid shade, also appears in the social frocks, and purple has had a large demand among buyers this year.

The social frocks also run more or less to straight lines, but the skirts are full around the bottom and occasionally one has a slight hoop skirt effect. There are fluffy skirts, and some of them are ruffled.

BURTS'

enced by European demand for lard. Declines in the hog market have failed to operate as a complete offset.

Chicago Market.
Chicago, Oct. 23.—Hogs—Receipts 55,000; market steady, 5c under Saturday's average. Bulk, \$9.95@10.30; light, \$9.65@10.40; mixed, \$9.70@10.45; heavy, \$9.70@10.40; rough, \$9.70@9.55; pigs, \$7.25@9.40.

UTAH STOCKS

Summary of the Local Market.
October 23.—The trading this morning on the local mining exchange was rather quiet, there only being a total of 38,000 shares changing hands. There were no particular features in the market, although Tintic Standard seemed to attract the most attention of the public. This issue opened at 80 cents bid and 90 cents asked but sold off as low as 78 cents, it closing with 79 cents bid and 80 cents asked. Empire Copper was stronger this morning \$1.17 1/2 bid for it. Generally speaking the prices were about steady in most of the issues.

Quotations furnished over the private wire of J. A. Hogle & Co., brokers, 2409 Hudson.

Antelope Star, 1550@13 1/2c; 1500@14c.
Albion, 1500@12c.
Alta Tunnel, 508@12 1/2c.
Bingham Amalgamated, 250@11c.
Big Cottonwood, 1000@4c.
Bay State, 1000@2c.
Colorado Con. Mines, 2100@20c.
Crown Point, 1000@6c.
East Eagle, 100@40c.
East Tintic Con., 1000@4 1/4c.
Leonora, 3000@1 1/2c; 1000@1 3/4c.
Lower Mammoth, 1000@5c.
May Day, 4500@14c.
Michigan-Utah, 2000@20c.
New Quincy, 1000@19c.
O. K. Silver, 700@55c; 100@55c.
Opohongo, 2000@1 1/2c; 500@1 3/4c.
Origin Bannock, 500@62c; 200@65c, buyer 60 days.
Rico Argentine, 2050@5c.
Reeds Peak, 1500@15 1/2c.
Tintic Central, 1000@4c.
Tintic Standard, 400@80c; 2000@75c; 300@75c.
Wilbert, 1000@8 1/2c.
Woodlawn, 500@16c; 1000@16 1/2c; 500@17c.
Morning session:
Bank Stocks,
Commercial National, \$400 bid.

Deseret National, \$307 bid; \$315 asked.
Deseret Savings, \$1025 bid.
Farmer Q & Stockgrowers, \$88 bid; \$89 asked.
First National, Ogdén, \$437.50 bid.
First National, Logan, \$195 bid.
First National, Brigham, \$300 bid.
McCormick & Co., \$280 bid.
Merchants, \$98 bid; \$100.50 asked.
National Bank of Republic, \$200.
National City bank, \$145 bid.
Ogdén State bank, \$450 bid.
State Bank, Brigham City, \$225 bid.
Security State, \$160 bid; \$165 asked.
Salt Lake Security & Trust, \$118 asked.
Thatcher Bros., Logan, \$17 bid.
Utah State National, \$212 bid; \$216 asked.
Utah Savings & Trust, \$95 asked.
Walker Bros., \$212 bid; \$216 asked.
Zion's Sav. Bank & Trust, \$413 bid; \$415 asked.
Barnes Banking, \$290 bid.
First National, Layton, \$156 bid.
Industrial Stocks,
Amalgamated Sugar, \$195 bid; \$200 asked.
Beneficial Life, \$198 bid.
Cement Securities \$100 bid; \$101.50 asked.
Con. Wagon, \$108 bid.
Con. Life Ins., \$90 bid; \$93 asked.
Ever Fresh Food Co., \$10 asked.
Guardian C. & G. Co., \$15.55 bid.
Layton Sugar, \$150 bid.
Home Fire Ins., \$307 bid; \$310 asked.
H. J. Grant & Co., \$37.25 bid.
Hotel Utah Op. Co., \$121 asked.
Inland Crystal Salt, \$95 bid.
Intermountain Life, \$13.55 bid.
Layton Sugar, \$150 bid.
Mt. Sta. Telephone, \$113 bid; \$114 asked.
Utah Fire Clay, \$71 bid; \$72 asked.
Utah-Idaho Sugar, \$20.10 bid; \$20.25 asked.
Z. C. M. L., \$381 bid; \$395 asked.
Utah Power & Light, \$100 bid; \$101 asked.
Utah Cereal, \$95 asked.
Lion Coal, \$69 bid.
Murphy Groc. & Drug Co., \$95 asked.
Davis County, \$275 bid.

BOMBS DROPPED ON ENGLISH PORT

London, Oct. 22, 4:32 p. m.—A hostile aeroplane appeared today over the fortified seaport of Sheerness, at the mouth of the Thames. Four bombs were dropped, three of which fell into the harbor. The fourth fell in the vicinity of a railway station and damaged several railway carriages.

British aeroplanes went up and the raid made off in a northeasterly direction. No casualties have been reported.

An official communication issued this evening says:
"A hostile seaplane was shot down and destroyed this afternoon by one of our naval aircraft. The machine fell into the sea. Judging by time, it probably was the seaplane which visited Sheerness today."

OFFICERS SUSTAINED BY THIRD WARD NEUTRALS

The annual conference of the Third Ward Mutual Improvement association was held yesterday evening in the ward chapel, under the direction of James M. Thomas and Mary Nordquist of the M. I. A. stake boards. The officers of the two associations were sustained by the congregation and interesting addresses concerning the 1916-17 courses of study were given by the two stake board members.

Brief talks were also given by Mrs. Caroline Wiggins and Jesse Draper, the presidents of the ward associations. Special music was furnished by Mrs. Bessie Draper, Ethel Downs, Lucille Williams and Jennette Downs.

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WORLD'S MARKETS

Chicago, Oct. 23.—Estimates that the world's crop was 25 percent short of last year's total led to a decided new advance today in the price of wheat. Continuance of the drought in Argentina tended also to lift values, but a temporary reaction was caused by reports that the weather there was unsettled. Liverpool despatches saying that arrivals in Great Britain were inadequate acted as a handicap on the bears. Opening prices, which ranged from 1c to 3 1/2c higher, with December at \$1.72 1/4 to 1 7/8 and May at \$1.37 to 1.75, were followed by a substantial setback, but then a fresh advance.

Eager buying lifted corn. The strength was largely the result of bullish crop conditions in Argentina. After opening 1 1/2 to 2 1/2c higher, the market sagged a little and then took another upturn.

Oats rose with other cereals. Commission houses snapped by all offerings. Provisions averaged higher, influ-

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